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October 18, 2006

*Briefing from
SR*

Mr. Lawrence Starfield
Deputy Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 6
1445 Ross Avenue
Dallas, Texas 75202

Re: Gulfco Marine Maintenance Site in Freeport, Texas

Dear Mr. Starfield: *Larry*

As you are aware, site activities are currently underway at the Gulfco Marine Maintenance Federal Superfund Site in Freeport, Texas. The Gulfco Restoration Group, which is conducting the site investigations, has requested that the Site be returned to the Voluntary Cleanup Program for remedy selection and remediation, following completion of the site investigation under the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) modified unilateral administrative order.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) would be willing to provide oversight under State authority, once EPA determines that this transfer is an option. We understand that, in the past, EPA has indicated that the site may return to the State for oversight, and we are willing to work with you to make this a smooth transition.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding EPA's decision. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to give me a call at (512) 239-3900 or Mr. Alan Batcheller, Director of the TCEQ Remediation Division, at (512) 239-4150.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glenn Shankle".

Glenn Shankle
Executive Director

cc: Steve Kilpatrick, Dow Chemical Company
James C. Morriss III, Thompson & Knight LLP



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